

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Please could you supply me with the overall costs for the Christmas lights in Leicester in 2012.

I understand last years (2011) costs were in the region of £140,000 and wish to compare overall costs for this year (2012) in a like for like comparison

ANSWER

The cost of the 2011 Christmas lights was £167,403. The estimated cost for the 2012 Christmas lights is £155,000.

As you wish to compare overall costs for this year (2012) with 2011 in a like for like comparison, you will receive a more accurate response if you ask again in February 2013 when the actual costs, including the final electricity bill will be known.

As the Council does not currently hold this information, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre**

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.